

I have recently e-mailed Chairman Powell and the Commissioners of the FCC to state my objection to the anti-Kerry "documentary" to be aired by Sinclair Broadcast Group. Their actions in airing a partisan broadcast just prior to the election have illustrated the dangers to localism, democracy and the public trust caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Unfortunately, when large companies control the airwaves, the public and our democracy get shortchanged while profits become paramount. It is critical that we see news which is truthful. Media conglomerates should not be permitted to air programs which are designed to influence the results of an election.

Sinclair's actions show the need for greater regulation of their broadcasting as well as the need for reform of the the license renewal process. Thank you for your attention.